

# APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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OPTIMUM OPERATOR SELECTION SUPPORT SYSTEM

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Japanese Patent Application No. 10-287173, filed on October 9, 1998

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